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DPA UNITED KINGDOM CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIPS

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Daily Reports

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Wednesday Report

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W09 DNL DPA UK Closed U10 Solo Latin Championship

Report by Denise Barley

Wow, just wow what an amazing final. So much talent on the dance floor. Well done to all the competitors from the first round. You all looked amazing and congratulations to the parents for how well they all turned out.

1st Place - Alba Thomas (No. 27). Congratulations Alba on your well deserved win. Such confidence and strength in your dancing. You have a great sense of musicality. Well done.

2nd Place - Betty Hunt (No. 128). Well done Betty you shone from the first round. You have an abundance of talent, personality and character. Keep doing what you are doing. Fabulous action and foot placement.

3rd Place - Penelope-June Wilsher (No. 110). Penelope-June you really came alive in the final, well done. Each dance was strong and confident. Believe in yourself you were amazing.

4th Place - Harlow Carey (No. 115). Harlow your first solo event, didn't you do well. You looked amazing in the final. You are a strong talent and you can see how much you enjoy dancing. Keep going.

5th Place - Nova Osborn (No.146). Nova you danced so well. Keep up the good work. Well deserved place in this strong final. You have a lovely character in each dance.

6th Place - Phoebe Ward (No. 133). Phoebe what an amazing look you have on the floor. Such talent and a lovely dancer with so much feel for each dance. Well done.

This was such a tough final to judge, you are all such fabulous dancers. Keep working hard and enjoy every minute. You all have so much talent and strong dancing.
CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU ALL. YOU ARE ALL WINNERS.



DPA UK Closed U10 Solo Latin Championship

*Presenter Denise Barley
(R to L)*

1st 27 Alba Thomas

2nd 128 Betty Hunt

3rd 110 Penelope- June Wilsher

4th 115 Harlow Carey

5th 146 Nova Osborn

6th 133 Phoebe Ward

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Thursday Report

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TH09 DNL DPA UK Closed Over 60 Ballroom Championship

Report by Darren Park

The Over 60's Ballroom final was an excellent & very close standard. The winners being Gary Allen & Jacqueline Montgomery - a very strong, commanding no-nonsense performance from this pair, demonstrating good floor presence and natural movement. Congratulations!

2nd Graham Diles & Helen Diles - this couple must have been delighted with their placing. They have a very natural & relaxed style, however, it would be good to change it up with more light & shade and dance character interpretation.

3rd David Gooch & Debby Jay - another couple that I am sure will be happy with their position. It is always a pleasure to watch dancers that are clearly enjoying every minute of their dancing! More depth from the standing leg will assist you with swing & sway and continue your journey up that ladder.

4th Ian James Ogden & Karen Ogden - I am sure will be disappointed with how today ended up. For me, they challenged hard & provided a convincing performance.

5th Neil Bayliss & Carol Bayliss - this couple showed good movement & understanding of the various figures, but tension appears to creep in through the shoulders hindering the upper body rotation.

6th Eddie Longworth & Janette Fletcher - a very nice couple that are now gelling well together and producing some nice lines & movement, albeit maybe slightly cautious at times.



*DPA UK Closed Over 60
Ballroom Championship*

(R to L)

- 1st Gary Allen and Jacqueline Montgomery
- 2nd Graham Diles and Helen Diles
- 3rd David Gooch and Debby Jay
- 4th Ian James Ogden and Karen Ogden
- 5th Neil Bayliss and Carol Bayliss
- 6th Eddie Longworth and Janette Fletcher

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Saturday Report

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FE01 DNL DPA UK Closed Juvenile Ballroom Championship

Report by Amy D'Angelo

1st 190 Ace Holloway and Myla Giamattei - Well done Ace and Myla on your championship win. This couple provided a strong performance throughout all 4 dances, keep the work up as I can see a very exciting future ahead.

2nd 192 Daniel Dobo Holland and Abigail Curzon - Congratulations Daniel and Abigail on becoming vice champions. Their future looks incredibly bright, and they are undoubtedly a couple to watch as they continue their challenge for the top of the podium

3rd 194 Ted Hinchcliffe and Sophia Mae Melia - Congratulations on another excellent performance and a well-deserved place in the prestigious UK Closed Championships final.

4th 189 Felix Turta and Adilia Safina - An accomplishment they should be extremely proud of. Their performance demonstrated both talent and promise, and they continue to improve with every competition.

5th 193 Zachary Ellender and Florence Lyddon - Congratulations on an excellent performance and a well-deserved place in the UK Closed Championships final. We look forward to seeing their continued progress in the future

6th 191 Eddie White and Lara Evans - This is an excellent achievement, and with continued focus on the finer details, they have the potential to enjoy even greater success in the future

DPA UK Closed Juvenile Ballroom Championship

Presenter Hannah Trever

(R to L)

1st Ace Holloway and Myla

Giamattei

2nd Daniel Dobo Holland and

Abigail Curzon

3rd Ted Hinchcliffe and Sophia-Mae

Melia

4th Felix Turta and Adilia Safina

5th Zachary Ellender and Florence

Lyddon

6th Eddie White and Lara Evans

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Saturday Report

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FE02 DNL DPA UK Closed Junior Latin Championship

Report by Pamela McGill

1st Sebastian Randall Kwan and Lauren Kailan Kwan - Congratulations on this great win! A dynamic performance that caught the eye of the judges with their style and togetherness.

2nd Caden Meilak and Georgia Jenkins - Could have been close in contesting to the winners with a musical style of Latin. A worthy 2nd place.

3rd Austin Street and Gabriela Jakubowska - My favourite pair. Unlucky not to be higher than 3rd place but with further development I see a future ahead.

4th Erick Craia and Chloe Sienna Winters - A great partnership on form today in this contested final. Keep working on those feet and leg movements, that's what the judges are looking for.

5th David Dobo Williams and Ava Rose Boliver - Another talented pair who I thought had talent and flair for their dancing. More awareness of each other in partnership connections would be beneficial.

6th River Hicks and Sophia Dell - Last but certainly not least this couple could have been higher as the level of the final 6 couples was very even. A nightmare for the judges I have to say!



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6th River Hicks and Sophia Dell

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Sunday Report

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SD09 DNL DPA UK Closed Junior Ballroom Championship

Report by Kyle Taylor

1st: Austin and Gabriela danced a fantastic competition in every round today. They were the only couple on the floor who released body weight, leading to a very full, musical, and mature performance. Congratulations on winning this championship, and for producing a champions performance.

2nd: Antoni & Sofia gave a quite subdued performance today, which seemed to lack confidence. They have every possibility to be highly successful, but need to find a way for their 'effects' to come from a more technical and natural source. This is particularly evident in Tango, where the fundamentals are not supporting their intentions.

3rd: River & Sophia have improved their upper bodies and overall image a lot over the past months, which makes them very attractive. Now is the time to focus on the lower half, and explore how they can produce a total package, through footwork, leg action, and hip angles. They are at their best in the faster dances, where their energy and enthusiasm assists greatly.

4th: Dominykas & Grace had a very good competition overall, and are looking a lot more solid and confident. Dominykas has a very natural feel to music, which is showcased particularly in the swing dances. To challenge for the top honours, it would be great to see Grace become more reactive, and therefore, expressive. Well done on a great performance!

5th: Erick & Chloe were very consistent throughout the day, and gave a solid performance. I feel it will be difficult for them to gain higher placings unless they take more risks with their dancing – by experimenting with shaping, musical changes, and possibly choreographically. They are safe from attack in their current position, so they can certainly try to attack those above instead.

6th: James & Ksenia would have been very happy to be included in this final, and they have a bright future. They always give off a positive performance, seemingly of pure joy for dance. Making the transition from Juvenile to Junior is always difficult, and I would like to see James developing a different kind of dancing now, away from the basic requirements needed in his former category. This will help provide a strong lead for Ksenia, to then fully showcase her clearly natural talents.

DPA UK Closed Junior Ballroom Championship

Presenter

(R to L)

1st Austin Street and Gabriela Jakubowska

2nd Antoni Bebeniec and Sofia Komisarovas

3rd River Hicks and Sophia Dell

4th Dominykas Orlauskas and Grace Bloom

5th Erick Craia and Chloe Sienna Winters

6th James Edwards and Kseniia Vitiuk

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Sunday Report

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SD05 DNL DPA UK Closed Juvenile Latin Championship

Report by Leah Rolfe

1st Ace Holloway and Myla Giamattei - an expressive performance from two very talented dancers, looked like champions from the moment they walked onto the floor.

2nd Ted Hinchliffe and Sophia-Mae Melia- a clean and precise performance, showing excellent fundamentals.

3rd Daniel Dobo Holland and Abigail Curzon -an outstanding young couple who showed pure quality dancing, challenged the couples above them

4th Eddie White and Lara Evans - another super talented young couple with superb body action and musicality.

5th Felix Turta and Adilia Safina - a striking couple on the floor, great energy and charisma.

6th Miguel Martin Zhurov and Demi Fisher - must have been delighted to make this super final, a young couple with lots of potential

DPA UK Closed Juvenile Latin Championship

Presenter Kris Turner

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4th Eddie white and Lara Evans

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Sunday Report

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SE02 DNL DPA UK Closed Senior Ballroom Championship

Report by David Trueman

1st Phil Holding and Melina Harrison - This was a performance of great skill with all areas of dance being on full display. They are great Ambassadors for the Senior ranks.

2nd Rhys Lewis and Cassie Hilton - They offered a very strong challenge and maintained a high degree of competitive edge. They will surely in time lift this most coveted of titles.

3rd Jonathan Noblett and Jennifer Kilheeney - they continue to provide performances of considerable depth of movement and today they controlled all actions very well.

4th Richard Padley and Lisa Jennings - They looked very pleased to be in this final and they danced with a super control of the upper body sculpture. Fatigue took its toll a little early on but nevertheless a solid display.

5th Jesse Bailey and Natasha Mistri - Good all performance with excellent control of body line. They have a very clear understanding of movement delivery especially in the Slow Foxtrot.

6th Norberto Santangelo and Justine Hollyer - Another couple who appeared happy to be included in this excellent final round. They have gelled really well over recent weeks and today there was a very good level of partnering skills.

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Sunday Report

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SE04 DNL DPA UK Closed Amateur Latin Championship

Report by Anton Sboev

1st Lloyd & Anna, N 10 - Champions once again, successfully defending their title from last year. Lloyd and Anna delivered a solid and convincing performance with a very well-prepared, clear product. They showed strong personalities, both as a couple and as individual dancers. Adding an even deeper artistic approach, exploring greater characterisation, and paying attention to the finer details of each dance will elevate their performance to the next level. Congratulations on another well-deserved title!

2nd Yegor & Zoe, N 57 - Once again the runners-up, Yegor and Zoe presented a very polished and clear product. Their beautiful costumes, artistic interpretation, and attention to the character and details of each dance made for an enjoyable and exciting performance. Developing a little more strength and presence from Yegor, together with creating even more beauty and extension through Zoe's legs in certain moments, would make their dancing stand out even more. Congratulations on another excellent result!

3rd Chris & Cee-Cee, N 125 - Congratulations on finishing third. Chris and Cee-Cee continue to improve steadily and consistently with each competition. Their partnership is becoming more cohesive, and they are developing greater confidence on the floor. The final round was a little quieter compared to the previous rounds. Continuing to refine their technical fundamentals while adding more contrast, dynamics, and emotional expression will help them take the next step and challenge for even higher placements. Well done!

4th Daniel & Isabel, N 112 - Congratulations on reaching the final and finishing fourth. Daniel and Isabel have many positive qualities and a unique style. They showed great commitment throughout the competition, especially considering this is a very new partnership and they have only been dancing together for a few months. Continuing to improve the consistency of their technical execution, musical expression, and connection as a couple, while building greater stamina, will strengthen their overall performance. Well done!

DPA UK Closed Amateur Latin Championship

Presenter Greg McDonough

(R to L)

1st Lloyd Perry and Anna Sloukova

2nd Yegor Young and Zoe Woodhall

3rd Chris Buttle and Cee-Cee Jackson

4th Daniel Ettridge and Isabel Milton

5th Mason Bevan and Ruby Savage

6th Danil Tkachenko and Eleonora Kostileva

7th Dragos Hepcal and Chloe Blackshaw

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Sunday Report

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SE04 DNL DPA UK Closed Amateur Latin Championship cont'd...

Report by Anton Sboev

5th Mason & Ruby, N 142 - Congratulations on finishing fifth. In my opinion, Mason and Ruby had a very good day, managing to deliver a clear and convincing product throughout the competition. Although they only started dancing together again a few months ago, they have already developed their own individuality and style. There was good chemistry between them, together with strong energy and enthusiasm throughout the day. As they continue to gain experience, focusing on the fundamentals, improving the quality of movement, body action, and partnering will help them develop an even stronger presence. Keep working hard—the future looks bright.

6th Danil & Eleonora, N 14 - Congratulations on making the final. Danil and Eleonora demonstrated great potential and determination. They have improved significantly over the last few months. Danil has started to make better use of his strengths and appeared much more solid, mobile, and charismatic as a male dancer. Eleonora is beginning to find her own personality and style. Working on the quality of her legs and feet will make a noticeable difference in the near future. Continuing to improve consistency in technique and developing stronger partnering skills will allow them to progress even further. Best of luck with your continued development!

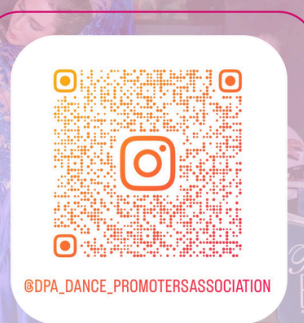
7th Dragos & Chloe, N 114 - Congratulations on reaching the UK Closed Championship final. They delivered a consistent performance throughout the day, showing a balanced level across all aspects of their dancing. At the same time, this consistency also highlighted that all areas have room for further development. Continuing to improve the overall product, selling points, individual personalities, quality of movement, technique, and the use of legs and feet will help them become more competitive and challenge for higher placements in the future.

Action Shot:
Lloyd Perry and Anna Sloukova



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Sunday Report

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SE05 DNL DPA UK Closed Over 60 Latin Championship

Report by Greg McDonough

Taking the title were Graham Diles and Helen Diles, who produced the most consistent performance of the final. Their secure partnership, clear musical interpretation and composed presentation across the five dances earned them a deserved championship victory.

Second place went to Darren Dyke and Sandra Dyke, who combined a positive performance style with good connection and rhythm throughout the final. Their consistency and commitment across the dances saw them finish as worthy runners-up.

Claiming third place were David Gooch and Debby Jay, whose performances were characterised by good musical awareness and a confident partnership. They maintained their standard throughout the final to secure a well-deserved place on the podium.

In fourth place, John Benbow and Alison Reynolds delivered a steady and assured performance. Their experience showed in their controlled dancing and balanced approach across all five dances.

Fifth place went to Robert Booty and Carole Booty, who danced with enthusiasm and maintained a consistent performance throughout the final. Their partnership and enjoyment of the occasion were evident from start to finish.

Finishing sixth were John McCabe and Margaret McCabe, who demonstrated determination and commitment throughout the competition. Their experience was reflected in a composed performance across the five dances.

Seventh place was awarded to Christopher Faulkner and Victoria Faulkner, who approached the final with confidence and delivered a consistent display. Their positive attitude and partnership carried them through each dance.

Completing the final in eighth place were Bert Park and Rika Park, who rounded off the competition with an enjoyable and committed display.

DPA UK Closed Over 60 Latin Championship

Presenter Kris Turner

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